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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - July 21, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jonick Franz “Nick” Larsen was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry A. Burns, United States District Judge, to serve 6 months in prison for credit card fraud directed against the San Diego Padres Baseball Club in August 2007. Mr. Larsen pleaded guilty on April 30, 2008. In addition to custody, Mr. Larsen was ordered to pay \$15,529.80 in restitution to the San Diego Padres.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Mitch Dembin, who prosecuted this case, Mr. Larsen admitted in connection with his guilty plea that he used pilfered credit card numbers supplied to him by others to purchase a large number of tickets for the series of games to be played in San Diego in early August 2007 between the San Diego Padres and the San Francisco Giants. At the time, former Giant Barry Bonds was chasing baseball’s home run record so demand for tickets for the games was high. Mr. Larsen purchased tickets and sold them to innocent third parties.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service and Detectives of the San Diego Police Department under the auspices of the San Diego Regional Fraud Task Force.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08cr1331-LAB

Jonick Franz Larsen

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(2) - Credit Card Fraud

AGENCIES

U. S. Secret Service
San Diego Police Department